

## Morning Prayer

*Sunday, September 6, 2020 – Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

**Officiant: The Rev'd Fr. Benjamin Gillard**  
**Preacher: The Rev'd Fr. Harold Shepherd**  
**Cantor: Damien Macedo**

### Instructions for Dial-In Worship:

- We invite people to dial-in early between 10:25 and 10:30.
- To join the conference call:
  - Dial 416-933-3854
  - When prompted to enter the Conference ID, dial: 9903106# (be sure to include #)
  - You will then be part of the conference line and can hear and be heard by others on the conference line
- Please be courteous to others and limit ambient background sound
- To mute the receiver on your phone, press STAR 6. This will allow you to hear others on the line, but not be heard by others. To unmute, press STAR 7.
- During worship, we ask that everyone mute their receiver, including for the responses and the hymn. There will be one person leading the responses.
- If you are reading, please remember to unmute before you begin.

### The Gathering of the Community

*Officiant* Lord, open our lips.  
*People* **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

*Officiant* O God, make speed to save us.  
*People* **O Lord, make haste to help us.**

*All* **Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia!**

**Venite** *Psalm 95.1-7*  
*Officiant* The Lord is our refuge and strength:  
*People* **O come, let us worship.**

*Officiant* Come, let us sing to the Lord;  
*All* **let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation. Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, and raise a loud shout to him with psalms. For the Lord is a great God, and a great king above all gods. In his hand are the caverns of the earth, and the heights of the hills are his also. The sea is his for he made it, and his hands have moulded the dry land. Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, and kneel before the Lord our maker. For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!**

*Officiant* The Lord is our refuge and strength:  
*People* **O come, let us worship.**

**Hymn**      *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling (486)*

BLAENWERN

Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven to earth come down,  
fix in us thy humble dwelling; all thy faithful mercies crown.  
Jesus, thou art all compassion; pure unbounded love thou art;  
visit us with thy salvation, enter every trembling heart.

Come, almighty to deliver; let us all thy grace receive;  
suddenly return, and never, nevermore thy temples leave.  
Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above,  
pray and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.

Finish, then, thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be;  
let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee,  
changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place,  
till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.

### The Liturgy of the Word

**First Reading: Exodus 12:1-14**

Bill Watts

*Reader*      A reading from the Book of Exodus.

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbour in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the Lord. For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgements: I am the Lord. The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt. This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

*Reader*      The word of the Lord.

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 149**

*Please join on the alternating (bolded) verses of the psalm.*

<sup>1</sup> Hallelujah! Sing to the Lord a new song;  
sing his praise in the congregation of the faithful.

<sup>2</sup> **Let Israel rejoice in his maker;**  
**let the children of Zion be joyful in their king.**

<sup>3</sup> Let them praise his name in the dance;  
 let them sing praise to him with timbrel and harp.  
<sup>4</sup> **For the Lord takes pleasure in his people  
 and adorns the poor with victory.**  
<sup>5</sup> Let the faithful rejoice in triumph;  
 let them be joyful on their beds.  
<sup>6</sup> **Let the praises of God be in their throat  
 and a two-edged sword in their hand;**  
<sup>7</sup> To wreak vengeance on the nations  
 and punishment on the peoples;  
<sup>8</sup> **To bind their kings in chains  
 and their nobles with links of iron;**  
<sup>9</sup> To inflict on them the judgement decreed;  
 this is glory for all his faithful people. Hallelujah!  
 Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;  
**as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

**Second Reading: Romans 13:8-14**

Janice Habisinski

*Reader* A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans.

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet"; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbour as yourself." Love does no wrong to a neighbour; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law. Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

*Reader* The word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**Canticle A Song from Ezekiel**

*Officiant* I will take you from the nations,  
*All* **and gather you from every country,  
 and bring you home to your own land.  
 I will pour clean water upon you,  
 purify you from all defilement,  
 and cleanse you from all your idols.  
 A new heart I will give you,  
 and put a new spirit within you;  
 I will take from your body the heart of stone  
 and give you a heart of flesh.  
 I will put my spirit within you,  
 make you walk in my ways  
 and observe my decrees.  
 You shall dwell in the land  
 I gave to your forebears;  
 you shall be my people and I will be your God.**

**Gospel Reading: Matthew 18:15-20**

The Rev'd Fr. Benjamin Gillard

*Reader* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Reader* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew.

*People* **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Jesus said, "If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

*Reader* The Gospel of Christ.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**Homily**

The Rev'd Fr. Harold Shepherd

**The Apostles Creed**

*Officiant* Let us confess our faith as we say,

*All*

**I believe in God,  
the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge  
the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## Invitation to Christian Stewardship

*We at St John the Baptist Norway give regularly to God's work through offerings and other gifts.  
Our offerings support the life of the parish, as well as the work we do in the world, both locally and globally.  
We invite you to contribute financially as you are able to the life and ministry of the parish.  
Instructions for submitting contributions can be found in the announcements.*

*Officiant* Blessed be thou, Lord God of Israel, for ever and ever. All that is in the heaven and in the earth is thine. All things come of thee and of thine own have we given thee.  
**Amen.**

## Intercessions and Prayers

### Intercessions

Stephanie Firth

*Leader* In peace, we pray to you Lord God. For all people in their daily life and work;  
*All* **For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for all those who are alone.**

*Leader* For this community, our country, and the world;  
*All* **For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

*Leader* For the just and proper use of your creation;  
*All* **For victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

*Leader* For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;  
*All* **For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

*Leader* For the peace and unity of the Church of God;  
*All* **For all who proclaim the gospel, and all who seek the truth.**

*Leader* For Andrew and Kevin our bishops; for Jeffrey, Harold, and Benjamin our priests;  
and for all bishops, priests, and deacons.  
*All* **For all who serve God in his Church.**

*Leader* We commend ourselves, and all for whom we pray, to the mercy and protection of  
God, remembering them now by name either silently or aloud.  
*All* **Hear us, Lord; for your mercy is great.**

*Leader* We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life. We will exalt you, O God our  
king;  
*All* **And praise your name for ever and ever.**

### The Collect

*Officiant* Let us pray. Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people, that richly bearing  
the fruit of good works, we may by you be richly rewarded; through Jesus Christ  
our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and  
for ever. **Amen.**

## The Lord's Prayer

*Officiant*

*All*

And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**Our Father, who art in heaven,**

**hallowed be thy name,**

**thy kingdom come,**

**thy will be done,**

**on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread.**

**And forgive us our trespasses,**

**as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation,**

**but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,**

**the power, and the glory,**

**for ever and ever. Amen.**

## Blessing

*Officiant*

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favour and grant you peace; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

## Hymn

*Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise (393)*

ST. DENIO

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,  
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes;  
Most blessed most glorious, the ancient of Days,  
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,  
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;  
thy justice like mountains high soaring above  
thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all life thou givest, to both great and small;  
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;  
we blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,  
and wither and perish, but nought changeth thee.

Great Source of all glory and wisdom and light,  
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;  
all laud we would render: O help us to see  
'tis only the splendour of light hideth thee.

## Dismissal

*Officiant*

*People*

Let us bless the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Announcements

### **Re-opening date: Sunday, September 13, 2020**

The Diocese of Toronto has indicated that parishes are tentatively expected to be able to re-open on Sunday, September 13, 2020. The leadership team at St. John's has met several times in the last month to plan for re-opening to ensure everyone's safety and to welcome people back to church. A letter with further details has been sent to the parish by email and is being mailed this coming week.

### **Sisters of St. John the Divine hosting online course beginning in the autumn**

The Sisters of St. John the Divine will be hosting several online courses beginning in the fall. Registration and further information can be found here: <https://ssjd.ca/2020/07/25/online-courses/>.

### **Contributing Financially**

There are three ways you can contribute financially to the parish:

1. By cheque, made payable to 'St John the Baptist Norway Anglican Church' and mailed to: 470 Woodbine Ave South, Toronto, Ontario, M4E 2H6.
2. Donate online through CanadaHelps: <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/dn/50931>. A link can also be found on the main page of the parish website ([stjohnsnorway.com](http://stjohnsnorway.com)).
3. Pre-authorized Debit (PAD). If you wish to sign-up for automatic monthly withdrawals, please contact the wardens.

Tax receipts are issued for all gifts after year-end.

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